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Annual Reports

THORNTON

New Hampshire



1919-20

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF
THORNTON, N. H.
FOR THE
Year Ending January 31st, 1920

The Record Print, Plymouth

TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator—William Lyford.

Town Clerk—W. B. Emmons.

Selectmen—Everett E. Caldon, Leland E. Holmes,
Walter I. Lee.

Road Agents—Herbert A. Broad, Lyman Boyce, Bert
Avery.

Treasurer—W. B. Emmons.

Tax Collector—Joseph H. Gilman.

Overseer of the Poor—Everett C. Caldon.

Health Officer—Walter Dobson.

Auditors—Frank L. Houston, Frank L. Hazeltine.

Supervisors of Check List—Alfred Bowen, Frank L.
Houston, George Ripley.

Police and Constable—George Adams.

Fire Wardens—William Lyford, Lester Bradley.

Dog Officer—Alfred Bowen.

State Patrolman—H. R. Downing.

TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

Moderator—William Lyford.

Clerk and Treasurer—W. B. Emmons.

School Board—Edith Merrill, Annie Lee, Everett E.
Caldon.

Truant Officer—George Adams.

Copy of last year Warrant
WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Thornton in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Thornton on Tuesday, the 11th day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.

3. To see how much money the town will vote to raise to pay on town debt, and make appropriation of the same.

4. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for Memorial day.

5. To see if the town will vote to apply for state aid on highway and make necessary appropriation for the same.

6. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to hire money for the use of the town.

7. To see what sums of money the town will vote to raise for the improvement of Thornton Gore Cemetery.

8. To see if the town will vote to allow a log-hauler to be run on the town or state roads in the winter time, only when snow is on the ground, also allowing the same to draw as many sleds as is practical at any one time. The hauler to be gasoline or kerosene for motive power and of caterpillar type.

9. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relative thereto.

10. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal the 22nd day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty.

F. A. Barnard
~~EVERETT C. CALDON,~~
~~LELAND E. HOLMES,~~
~~WALTER I. LEE,~~ *F. Connor*
Selectmen of Thornton.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

F. A. Barnard
~~EVERETT C. CALDON,~~
~~LELAND E. HOLMES,~~
~~WALTER I. LEE,~~ *F. Connor*
Selectmen of Thornton.

ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR ENSUING YEAR

Current Maintenance Expenses

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Town officers' salaries	\$600.00
Town officers' expenses	15.00
Care and supplies for town hall etc.	112.25
Police department	50.00
Fire department	50.00

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:

State aid maintenance, town	150.00
State aid maintenance, state	150.00
Trunk line maintenance, town	1,200.00
Trunk line maintenance, state	3,000.00
Town maintenance	3,000.00

LIBRARIES 52.00

TOWN POOR 25.00

MEMORIAL DAY 15.00

SOLDIERS' AID AND G. A. R. (tablet
for soldiers) 100.00

CEMETERIES 50.00

INTEREST ON NOTES 193.78

STATE AID CONSTRUCTION, TOWN 627.00

STATE AID CONSTRUCTION, STATE 376.20

OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS:

County tax	624.34
State tax	1,530.00

SCHOOL DISTRICT (part of this for
repairs on building) 6,000.00

Total amount \$17,920.57

Copy of Summary, Inventory

Real estate	Val. \$254,930.00
Horses, 189	25,220.00
Mules, 5	300.00
Oxen, 24	3,400.00
Cows, 200	13,725.00
Neat stock, 71	5,760.00
Sheep, 152	1,492.00
Hogs, 26	850.00
Automobiles, 37	16,375.00
Portable mills, 5	15,450.00
Wood and lumber	61,398.00
Stock in trade	19,035.00
Mill and machinery	1,000.00

Totals exclusive of exemption	\$418,935.00
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Amount of Taxes and Rates

Amount of taxes assessed on property	\$12,664.24
Poll tax, number 185	555.00

Total	\$13,219.24
Amount exempt to soldiers	2,000.00
ate per cent of one hundred dollars	3.02

List of Appropriations

To defray town charges	\$1,500.00
Town debt	3,000.00
Memorial Day	15.00
Town raise, state aid maintenance	50.00
Town raise, state aid construction	208.00
Town raise, Gore cemetery	25.00
Town raise, trunk line maintenance	910.00
Town raise, highways	1,500.00
Town raise, school district	3,325.00
Town raise, children going to school, two dollars apiece as required by state	170.00

State tax	1,530.00
Soldiers' tax	340.00
County tax	624.34
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Amount raised	\$13,197.34

Balance Sheet

Assets

Cash	
In hands of treasurer	\$1,706.92
Road agent, A. C. Benton, 1918	124.35
Library trustees	94.88
Due from state	
Joint highway account expended	
Trunk line maintenance	281.71
State maintenance	87.25
State aid maintenance unexpended	
Balance in state treasury	41.02
Balance in construction	164.22
Bounties money	90.00
Due from county	14.88
Taxes not collected	
(a) Levy 1917, land sale	117.49
(b) Levy 1918, non-resident land sale	28.59
(c) Levy 1919, resident land sale	254.10
(d) Levy 1919	7,724.23
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Total assets	\$10,729.64
Excess of liabilities over assets	1,801.71
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GRAND TOTAL	\$12,531.35
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Decrease of debt	1,152.44

Liabilities

Due to school district (a) dog licenses	\$ 94.40
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Joint highway account	
Unexpended balance in state treasury	
State aid construction and maintenance	205.24
Town treasurer	265.32
Long term notes	11,965.39
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Total liabilities	12,531.35

Why the Town Did Not Get Out of Debt Last Year

There was \$788.81 that was carried in as town money on hand in treasury that belonged to school district, and was paid over to school district this year.

Also there were bills amounting to \$535.23 left unpaid from last year's road account: for planks amounting to \$337.51; S. Fadden, 1917 and 1918, breaking road, \$70.00; A. C. Moulton, \$65.00; and small bills amounting to \$62.72 brought in by various parties as you will find in looking over the report.

According to Mr. Smith's account there should have been \$1,064.30 town part of state construction money available this year to lay out. There was only \$208.00 raised last spring, the rest was back money carried along as town money in hands of treasurer. This cannot be used for anything except what it is appropriated for. Balance \$856.30, making a total of \$2,180.34.

If it had not been for the back bills we would have been out of debt and to the good by \$378.63.

Due on Notes

Pemigewasset National Bank	\$5,000.00
Edna Willey Smith	23.79
Annie Willey Sawyer	23.79
Luella Houston	303.62
W. P. VanHousen	1,456.35
F. A. Barnard	2,725.08
George Steele	810.92
Ralph Steele	810.92

Harry Steele	810.92
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	\$11,965.39

Town Property

Town house	\$1,000.00
Six schoolhouses	3,275.00
Road machine	150.00
Road roll	100.00
Safe	25.00
Six thousand of road planks	210.00
Equipment of schoolhouses	825.00
Equipment of town house	75.00

TREASURER'S REPORT

1919

Cash on hand Jan. 31, 1919	\$1,956.65
Received of F. W. Steele, refund money, 1912 and 1913	163.39
Rec'd of O. M. Jones, collector 1916	173.54
Rec'd of O. M. Jones, refund money '15- '16-'17	185.86
Rec'd of Joseph Gilman, collector 1918	6,096.96
Rec'd of Joseph Gilman, collector 1919	5,446.84
Rec'd, town clerk, dog money	95.40
Rec'd, town clerk, automobile tax	110.39
Rec'd, W. I. Lee, refund money	85.88
Rec'd, selectmen	6,134.22
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	\$20,449.13
Paid on orders	18,742.21
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	\$1,706.92

W. B. EMMONS, Treasurer.

Summary of Receipts

Received from state for all roads	\$1,787.06
Received from state, railroad tax	431.03
Savings bank tax	250.51
Proportion of school fund	541.21
National forest reserve fund	84.46
Received of A. C. Moulton, lots sold in cemetery	40.00
Dog license money	95.40
Auto tax, from Jan. 1, 1920 to Jan. 31, 1920	110.39
Tax refund money	435.13
Tax money collected	11,717.34
Total receipts	<u>\$15,492.53</u>

Summary of All Payments

Town officers' salaries	\$ 577.32
Town officers' expenses	13.40
Supplies	84.25
Town hall expenses	28.00
Care of tramp	2.00
Bounties	90.00
County poor	14.88
Highway and bridges	
Trunk line maintenance (state paid \$608.46 beside what we paid)	2,597.79
State aid maintenance	223.85
State aid construction	1,177.71
Town maintenance	2,709.02
Town maintenance, bills left unpaid in 1918	535.23
Libraries	52.00
Aid to G. A. R. and Memorial Day exercises	15.00
Paid on long term notes	3,100.00
Paid interest on notes	193.78
Care of cemeteries	62.42
Abatement	63.96

Total payment to other governmental divisions:

Taxes paid to county	\$ 624.34	
Taxes paid to state	1,530.00	
Soldiers' taxes paid to state	340.00	
Payment to school districts	4,707.26	
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		7,201.60

Total payments	<hr/>	\$18,742.21
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Detail Statement of All Receipts

Received from state:

Trunk line maintenance	\$1,400.00
State aid construction	387.06
Railroad tax	431.03
Savings bank tax	250.51
Proportion of school fund	541.21
National forest reserve fund distribution	84.46
Received of A. C. Moulton, lots sold in cemetery	40.00
Received of town clerk, dog licenses money	95.40
Received of town clerk, automobile tax Jan. 1 to Jan. 31,	110.39
Tax refund money	435.13
Tax money paid treasurer	11,717.34
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Total receipts	\$15,492.53

Detail Statement of Payments

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Salaries and Expenses of Principal Town Officers:

Frank L. Houston, auditor and supervisor	\$ 10.00
William Lyford, moderator	10.00
Everett E. Caldon, selectman	121.00
Leland E. Holmes, selectman	82.62
Walter L. Lee, selectman	43.00
Will B. Emmons, town clerk and treasurer	100.00
Joseph H. Gilman, 1918	75.00
F. A. Barnard, selectman, 1918, after settlement	18.00

Leland Holmes, selectman, 1918, after settlement	24.20
Frank L. Houston, auditor, 1918	5.00
W. P. VanHousen, auditor of school report, 1918	1.50
A. W. Bowen, supervisor and ballot clerk, 1918	22.00
John W. Wallace, ballots, police.	2.50
Geo. L. S. Hussey, ballots, police	2.50
A. D. Merrill, supervisor, 1918	10.00
Walter M. Flint, counsel, 1919	50.00
Total	<hr/> \$577.32

Town officers' expenses	\$ 13.40
Town hall, insurance	15.00
Town hall, wood	8.00
E. E. Caldon, janitor services	5.00
Record Office, printing reports, 1918	39.11
Register of deed, 1 transfer	2.52
Edson C. Eastman Co., supplies	4.92
Edson C. Eastman Co., supplies	10.75
Edson C. Eastman Co., supplies	26.95
Abatelements, 1918 tax	15.79
Abatelements, 1919 tax	48.17
Paid interest to Pemigewasset National Bank	193.78
Paid on notes to Pemigewasset National Bank	3,000.00
Paid F. A. Barnard on note	100.00
Paid bounties on hedgehog head	45.00
Paid bounties on bears	40.00
Paid bounties on wildcats	5.00
Paid A. C. Moulton for care of cemetery	50.00
Paid L. E. Holmes for repair of Thornton Gore cemetery	12.42
Paid county tax	624.34
Paid state tax	1,530.00
Paid soldiers' tax	340.00
Paid school treasurer	4,707.26
Paid H. A. Broad, road agent No. 1	725.70
Paid Lyman Boyce, road agent No. 2	692.13
Paid Bert Avery, road agent No. 3	629.56
Paid A. C. Moulton, work 1917	33.00
Paid A. C. Moulton, work 1918	32.00

Paid Lyman Boyce, by Benton order 1918	21.30
Paid Sherman Chase, by Benton order 1918	16.40
Paid Guy Downing, work on road	9.00
Paid George Fadden, work on road, 1917 and 1918	70.00
Paid Good Road Machine Co.	23.14
Paid The Parker-Young Co., planks used in 1918	24.78
Paid N. East Metal Culvert Co., culverts	155.20
Paid John Thatcher, by Benton order 1918	12.00
Paid Clarence Hart, by Benton order 1918	11.02
Paid Leland Holmes, by Benton order 1918	4.12
Paid The Parker-Young Co., plank	35.00
Paid Guy Downing, work on road and bridges and lumber	32.00
H. R. Downing, posts	4.80
Paid A. D. Merrill, work in 1918, road and bridge	15.00
Paid express on road machine parts	4.70
Paid Ralph Steele, water troughs	3.00
Paid E. E. Caldon and team, 1 day haul- ing planks	6.00
Paid Ben Merrill, water trough	3.00
Paid C. V. Ham, water trough	3.00
Paid Sutherland & Towle for plank bought and used in 1918	312.73
Paid S. D. Tilton, planks	119.73
Paid W. D. Veazey, planks	191.55
Paid state aid maintenance W. S. Merrill	49.35
Paid state aid maintenance, Wm. Lyford	174.50
Paid state aid construction, Wm. Lyford	1,177.71
Paid trunk line, patrolman, H. R. Downing	2,597.79
Paid A. F. Burt, signboards for road	31.50
Paid care of tramps	2.00
Paid for county poor	14.88
Paid P. H. Crawford, G. A. R. and Me- morial day	15.00
Paid W. D. Veazey, planks	22.89
Paid Amy Barnard, librarian	52.00

ROAD AGENTS' REPORTS

H. A. Broad, District No. 1

F. L. Houston	\$ 20.70
Fred Dolloff	42.50
John Ross	15.00
Geo. Sawyer	64.50
William Mclean	30.00
Geo. Orriss	27.00
Lyman Boyce	45.00
Sherman Chase	45.00
Perley Colby	24.00
David Mcleod	34.50
Truman Heath	48.00
Walter Elliott	34.50
Roy J. Sawyer	22.50
Frank Broad	48.00
Herbert A. Broad	224.50

Amount for town work	\$725.70
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Received of town money	\$725.70
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Paid out for labor	725.70
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Lyman Boyce, District No 2

George Avery	\$ 51.30
George Dickson	10.00
Frank Tuttle	4.00
Fred Clausen	10.50
Dana Hadley	6.00
Mrs. Geo. Boyce	24.85
Earl Caldon	36.00
Willis J. Horner	6.00
Emery Tobyne	3.00
Frank Haynes	9.00
Geo. A. Raichaud	3.00
Leonard Tuttle	2.00

W. S. Merrill	9.00
Willis R. Merrill	6.00
A. C. Benton	5.20
Sherman Chase	183.10
Frank Steele	31.80
Joe Rollin	49.80
Oscar Jones	4.20
L. R. Morrison	3.08
Frank Morse	12.00
Albert Woodbury	4.50
Lyman Boyce	217.80

Amount for town work	\$692.13
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Received of town money	\$692.13
Money paid out for labor and supplies	692.13

Bert Avery, District No. 3

J. T. Bradley	\$ 5.10
T. F. Stapleton	19.50
Fred Scott	14.50
Alfred Day	12.00
Lester Bradley	9.00
B. F. Merrill	216.00
Ezra Downing	4.50
W. E. Dobson	4.00
Geo. Rabichaud	3.00
L. E. Holmes	32.16
Jesse A. Avery	5.70
Ned Hackett	9.00
Frank Morse	3.75
Dana Hadley	12.00
Albert Petrain	18.00
Clarence Hart	78.85
N. W. Brown	15.00
Ernest Hayne	4.50
Jim Hussey	13.50
Bert Avery	149.50

Amount for town work	\$629.56
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Received of town money	\$629.56
Paid out for labor	629.56

State Aid Maintenance

Will S. Merrill, work done in March and April, 1919	\$49.35
Received for maintenance	49.35

William Lyford Account

William Lyford, labor	\$17.00
John McKay and team, labor	27.50
Earl Caldon and team, labor	12.50
Scott Benton and team, labor	27.50
Bert Benton and team, labor	12.50
A. C. Benton, labor	14.00
Emery Tobyne, labor	12.50
Geo. Sawyer, labor	12.50
Roy Sawyer, labor	12.50
W. J. Carr, labor	9.50
L. Shores, labor	6.50
Mrs. J. Uhlman, 91 loads of gravel	9.10
O. M. Jones, 9 loads of clay	.90
Total	<hr/> \$174.50
Received for maintenance	\$174.50
Paid W. S. Merrill	49.35
Total amount	<hr/> \$223.85

Harry L. Smith, Division Engineer, said Mr. W. S. Merrill had not sent in any report of the work he did on state aid maintenance to the state. Although I told Mr. Smith last summer that he had brought in a bill to me, he refused to allow the state share of money because the work done on state aid road must have a report sent in immediately after by the one who laid out the money.

E. E. CALDON, Selectman.

Trunk Line Maintenance

H. R. Downing, Patrolman

William Lyford	\$ 8.00
Leon N. Brown	95.38
Raymond Tobyne	174.00
Raymond Caldon	162.00
Chester Avery	376.50
John McKay	82.50
Bert Avery	11.00
Guy Downing	90.00
Clarence Barnard	102.00
G. B. Currier	9.00
O. B. Downing	2.75
Clifford Fifield	15.12
Elmer C. Burleigh	19.00
H. R. Downing	1,247.25
Money paid out	201.24

Total of 1919 account	\$2,595.74
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Money due H. R. Downing from 1918	2.05
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Total	\$2,597.79
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Received of town	\$2,597.79
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Paid out for labor and supplies	2,597.79
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State paid out for supplies, oil and paints	608.46
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Total	\$3,206.25
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State Aid Construction of Highways

William Lyford, Agent

William Lyford, labor	\$ 95.00
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John McKay	134.38
Scott Benton	115.63
Earl Caldon	100.33
Bert Benton	103.13
Medie Inkell	68.75
A. C. Benton	61.76
Emery Tobyne	65.00
George Sawyer	55.26
Roy Sawyer	55.26
W. J. Carr	61.76
Lawrence Shores	55.26
Carl Lyford	16.25
Theodore Inkell	29.25
George Dickson	16.25
Fred Clausen	19.50
R. L. Hazeltine	6.50
Ed. Bell	35.94
Mrs. J. Uhlman, 654 loads of gravel	65.40
O. M. Jones, 15 loads of clay	1.50
L. R. Morrison, 2 spades	2.70
Frank Smith, 8 spades and 1 rake	12.90

Total amount	\$1,177.71
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Received of town	\$1,177.71
Money paid out for labor and supplies ,	1,177.71

State paid out for culverts and inspections	87.30
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GRAND TOTAL	\$1,265.01
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Unexpended balance	437.87
Statement of Taylor fund in Thornton	\$1,045.25
Statement of school fund in Thornton	1,312.50

These are brought forward from last year reports.
We are using the new account system as required
by the tax commission. If there is anything in the
report that any of the taxpayers do not understand

we will be glad to explain to them at any time. Also we will be glad to show our books at any time to anyone that is interested in them.

Respectfully snbmitted,

EVERETT E. CALDON,
LELAND E. HOLMES,

Selectmen.

Thornton, N. H., Jan. 31, 1920.

Having examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, and Road Agents for the town of Thornton, for the year ending Jan. 31, 1920, I find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

FRANK L. HOUSTON, Auditor.

Births Registered in the Town of Thornton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1919

Date of Birth 1919	Name of Child (If any)	Sex, Condition			Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Color of Parents	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Father's Age	Mother's Age
		Male, Female	Liv. or S' brn	No. of Child									
Feb. 2	Arnold	M	L	1	Harry Adams	Elvira Avery	West Thornton	West Thornton	Laborer	Thornton	West Campton		
Feb. 15	Myrtle C.	F	L	13	Geo. W. Ripley	Florence M. Drake	Thornton	Thornton	Sawmill agt	Danbury	Waterville		
Jan. 25	Doris L.	F	L	1	Sherman Chase	Gladys Welch	Thornton	Thornton	Teamster	Weare	Ashland		
Mar. 13	Dorothy L.	F	L	7	Ernest E. Haynes	Louise Dyette	Thornton	Thornton	Lumberman	E. Hereford	Canaan Vt		
Mar. 27	Irene L.	F	L	3	Chesler A. Avery	Margaretta Downing	Thornton	Thornton	Laborer	Ellsworth	Can		
June 10	Barbara E.	F	L	2	Andrew Robertson	Mary McLeod	Thornton	Thornton	Laborer	Tabucentas	N.B. Mass		
June 28	Richard L.	M	L	1	Raymond Caidon	Mary Smith	Thornton	Thornton	Farmer	Thornton	Govan Scotland		
July 19	Richard L.	M	L	5	Lester W. Bradley	Hattie Stickney	Thornton	Thornton	Farmer	Thornton	Campton		
July 5	Clara N.	M	L	2	Herbert E. Harris	Gertrude Joy	Thornton	Thornton	Surveyor	Fishburg	Amesbury Mass		
Dec. 23		F	L	1	Ora Downing	Abbie Fortune	Thornton	Thornton	Laborer	Woodstock	Rotterdam June		

Marriages Registered in the Town of Thornton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1919

Date—1919	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age in years	Color of each	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of each	Times married	Name of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation of Parents	Name, residence and official station of person by whom married
Dec. 23	Danbury	Raymond W. Martin Esther Lewis	West Thornton Boston Mass	19 25	W W	Laborer Stenographer	Tewksbury Mass Canaan		Walter B. Martin Mary Fowler		Farmer Nurse	Rev. Geo. A. Cole Danbury

Deaths Registered in the Town of Thornton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1919

Date	Place of Death	Name and Sur- name of deceased	Age			Place of Birth	Sex and Conditions		Occupation	Place of Birth		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	
			Years	Months	Days		Male or Female	Color		Single, mar- ried or widowed	Father			Mother
Jan. 2	Thornton	Joseph LaPoint	Unknown			St Albans	Vt	M	W	Farmer	St Johnsbury	Vt	William Huntoon	Martha Gookins
Jan. 18	Thornton	Flora J. Hadley	75	11	5	Salisbury		F	W	Engineer	Hill		James B. Jones	Lizzie Kendrick
Jan. 16	Thornton	George Jones	57	10	12	Groveton		F	W	Housekeeper			John C. Burleigh	Sarah R. Avery
Jan. 21	Thornton	Cora B. Steele	77	9	4	Thornton		M	W	Farmer	Thornton		David Downing	Elvira Avery
Jan. 31	Thornton	Benj. P. Downing	77	1	12	Ellsworth		M	S	Housekeeper	Providence	RI	Harry Adams	Bridget Earley
Mar. 14	Thornton	Arnold Adams	35	8	15	Thornton		F	W	Housekeeper	Maine	Massachusetts	Rufus Nason	Ruth M. Gulliver
Apr. 15	Thornton	Mary J. Carr	82	11	19	Providence		F	W	Housekeeper	Hereford	Can	Ernest Haynes	Louise Deyette
Feb. 5	Laconia	Sarah J. Broad	0	3	3	Mattapan Mass		F	W	Housewife	Henniker		Jonathn Gordon	Mary Clark
June 16	Thornton	Dorothy L. Haynes	56	7	18	Thornton		F	W	Housewife	Scotland		Archibald Irving	Jenett Roone
July 2	Concord	Rachel Gordon	51	1	19	No Woodstock		F	W	Wood Supt	Scotland		Edmond Avery	Rosella Chase
July 15	Thornton	John Irving	51	1	19	Scotland		M	W	Laborer	Scotland		Ephraim Elliott	Eliza Broad
Nov. 6	Thornton	Charles E. Avery	27	6	20	W Topsham		M	W	Farmer	England		John Carlton	Jane Reid
Nov. 16	Thornton	Charles Elliott	69	4	27	Brownfield		M	W	Farmer	Canada		Chester Rexford	Asenette Moor
Nov. 26	Concord	Mary A. Carlton	71	19		Canton Mass		F	W	Retired				
Nov. 1	Laconia	Mary A. Dearborn	82	3	23	Ayers Cliff Can		F	W					

W. B. EMMONS, Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE THORNTON SCHOOL BOARD

1918-1919

To the Citizens of Thornton:

We hereby submit our annual report of the organization, financial standing of the Thornton schools for the year 1918-1919, and recommendations with budget and financial standing of the district for five months of the present fiscal year ending January 31, 1920. We have appended and included as a part of our report, the report of the superintendent of schools.

Organization

Officers

School Board—Mrs. Edith Merrill, chairman and secretary, term expires 1920; Mrs. Annie Lee, term expires 1921; Everett E. Caldon, term expires 1922.

Truant Officer—George Adams.

Treasurer—W. B. Emmons.

Superintendent of Schools—Alonzo J. Knowlton.

School board meetings are held on the call of the chairman.

School Calendar

Fall term 15 weeks

Opened	September 8
Closed	December 19

Winter term 4 weeks

Opened	December 29, 1919
Closed	January 19, 1920

Spring term 17 weeks

Opens	March 8, 1920
Closes	July 2, 1920

Financial Report of School District

Town of Thornton from August 31, 1918, to August
31, 1919

Current Revenue

From state:

Literary fund	\$ 68.90
From state treasurer under Chap. 158, law 1909	364.90
Town tax for school April 1918	2,177.50
Extra assessed April 1919 to be used before Aug. 31, 1919	900.00
Income from local trust funds	78.75

Total current revenue	<u>\$3,590.05</u>
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Cash on hand September 1, 1918, none

GRAND TOTAL	\$3,590.05
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Expenditures

Administration

Salaries of school board	\$ 75.00
Salaries of other officers	15.75
Other expenses of administration	2.79

Instruction

Teachers' salaries	1,587.50
High school and academy tuition	451.50
Elementary school tuition	18.00
Textbooks and pupils' supplies	200.82

Operation, maintenance of school

Janitor service	\$ 49.50
Fuel	105.85

Minor repair of buildings	63.03
Transportation of pupils	231.50
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Total expenses	\$2,801.24
Due from selectmen	788.81
Cash on hand August 31, 1919	None
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GRAND TOTAL	\$3,590.05

Report of the Superintendent of Schools ..

Mrs. Chairman and Members of School Board:

I have the pleasure to submit for your consideration my first annual report of the Thornton School District. This report covers a period of five months, from September 1, 1919 to January 31, 1920.

I assumed the supervision of your schools Sept. 1, 1919, a few days before the beginning of the year's work.

The teachers secured by the school board were as follows: West Thornton, Lottie Schulmaire; Center, Charlotte M. Conroy; Lyford, Gertrude M. Johnson; and Amanda Sutherland for Mad River. After a few weeks, Mrs. Schulmaire resigned her position to take up some other work and Mrs. Claudine Cross was secured to take her place. Miss Sutherland would only teach for the fall term at Mad River. It was impossible to get a teacher for this school till Jan. 19th when Christie Balch, Lunenburg, Vt., was secured.

The schools have been organized on a grade basis with the State Program of Studies as a guide. Minimum essentials have been adopted by the State Board of Education for grades one, two and three, copies of which have been placed in the hands of every teacher

so that there may be no question as to what is expected at the end of the year from pupils of these grades. The minimum essentials mean that a pupil must have at least acquired the ability to perform the tasks thus outlined, but should be able to do much more, in order to be eligible for promotion. To do a year's work in school the child must be there all of the time and those entering the first grade should enter in September and not in the spring.

Some supplementary reading has been purchased for the lower grades—much more is required. The plan is to purchase a number of books each year so that in a short time the schools will have an ample supply to meet all requirements without bringing an undue burden in any one year. The other books purchased have been to supply the needs of the classes and to take the place of those worn out.

A record has been secured of all the books in the school buildings. This record is to be transferred to cards later and filed so that duplication of books may be avoided.

The standard school record system has been adopted for the schools. One card gives a record of each pupil from the time he enters school till he has graduated from high school. One card goes with the pupil from grade to grade or from school to school and a duplicate is kept in the superintendent's office and kept up to date by means of transfer cards made out by the teachers when the pupils leave their school.

Requisition blanks have been introduced that a record may be kept of all supplies and same charged up to each school. This will show where waste as well as economy has been practiced.

Standard tests have been given in English, writing and spelling, others are to be given as soon as material is secured. By these tests it is possible to determine whether or not a pupil in a class is up to standard. They are really educational yardsticks.

The school census shows 127 children in town between the ages of 5 and 16 years, 92 registered in the local public schools September 30, and 15 are attending elementary and 9 high school outside of the district, or a total of 116 are reported in school; 19 were

reported as not attending school, 17 between 5 and 8 years and two between 14 and 16 years. The total number of children accounted for in school and out of school is 135.

Transportation routes have been maintained for more or less of the time since the opening of the fall term to the following schools: The Center, the Mad River, the West Thornton and the Woodstock.

Owing to the difficulty of getting the teachers together, I have rendered assistance and given directions through personal conferences at times of visits rather than by teachers' meetings. Since the opening of the schools, I have made 43 official visits to the schools and attended three meetings of the school board.

From the registration, I find that 4.1 per cent of the pupils are precocious, in advance of where they should be according to age, 39.6 per cent are at age, and 56.3 per cent are retarded. The retardation is very large for it ought to be less than 20 per cent.

From the survey of the school buildings for the State Board, it is found, in order to meet the minimum state requirements, that extensive repairs must be made on at least two of the buildings this year and the toilets of all must be put into better condition.

The Lyford and center school buildings should be thoroughly remodeled. Some of the changes needed are: lighting corrected, toilets made over, roofs made tight, larger woodsheds built, new slate blackboards, walls tinted and ceilings whitened, adjustable desks provided, new hardwood floors, jacketed stoves, buildings thoroughly cleaned, and screens provided for doors and windows. To correct the lighting will require more and larger windows at the left of the pupils and the windows at the right and in front of the pupils closed up permanently.

A study of the table of statistics reveals the excessive number of tardy marks and the low per cent of attendance while the registration reveals the high per cent of retardation. These three bits of data have a close kinship. One of our great problems is to correct these conditions as soon as possible. This will require close cooperation between the homes and the schools. The parents are largely responsible for

the large number of tardy marks and for the regular or irregular attendance. May there be a united effort to solve some of the difficult school problems that confront us.

Respectfully submitted,

ALONZO J. KNOWLTON,

Superintendent of Schools.

North Woodstock, N. H., February 9, 1920.

Statistics

SCHOOL	TEACHER	Salary per Week	No. Pupils	No. Tardy	Average Attendance	Average Absence	Average Membership	Per Cent of Attendance	No. Weeks of School	No. Days Lost
Center	Charlotte M. Conroy	\$15 34	70		23.5	1.3	24.8	94.8	18	5
West Thornton	Lotta J. Shulmaier	14 32	23		23	3	26	88	18	3
	Claudine G. Cross	16								
Lyford	Gertrude M. Johnson	14 15	31		10.7	1.5	12.2	87.7	17*	4
Mad River	Amanda Sutherland	16 23	6		19	3	22	86	18	3
	Christie Balch	16								

*School closed one week to repair school house.

Detailed Statement of Expenditures of School District

O. M. Jones, fuel	\$ 3.00
Alfred Bowen, truant officer, 1918	8.00
R. E. Lane, supplies	1.16
Emmons Bros., wood	9.85
Truman Heath, fuel and telephone calls	3.95
Harry Uhlman, janitor work	6.25
Charles Elliott, transporting pupils	84.00
Esther H. Broad, teaching	132.00
American Book Co., textbooks	8.92
Edward Babb Co., school supplies	17.10
Plymouth school district, tuition	192.50
Mrs. Isa Brown, teaching	32.00
American Book Co., textbooks	4.89
Mrs. Ada Ham, enumeration of children 1918	7.75
Mrs. M. B. Hoitt, teaching	48.00
Charles Elliott, transporting pupils and boarding teacher	44.00
Harriet Dalton, teaching	100.00
Mrs. M. B. Hoitt, teaching	48.00
Gertrude Johnson, teaching	81.00
Charles Elliott, transporting pupils, board- ing teacher, transporting teacher to and from station	57.00
Luva Downing, janitor	9.50
Guy Downing, fuel	9.00
Oscar Jones, fuel	30.00
Truman Heath, labor	1.00
Mrs. Isa M. Brown, teaching	40.00
Mrs. Ella Horner, labor	3.00
Mrs. Charlotte M. Conroy, teaching and board	154.00
Mrs. M. B. Hoitt, teaching and board	48.00
Beatrice Brown, janitor work,	6.00
Morton Uhlman, janitor	4.50
Harriet Dalton, teaching	96.00
W. I. Lee, insurance	23.10
Mrs. Mamie LaPoint, labor	3.00
Mrs. Maggie LaHaye, labor	1.75
Mrs. C. V. Ham, express etc.	2.81

Mrs. A. D. Merrill, labor and expenses	9.15
R. E. Lane, supplies	1.31
Eveyln Merrill, janitor	4.50
Guy Downing, fuel	18.00
Campton school district, tuitions	48.40
Charles Elliott, transportation and board	48.00
Lincoln school district, tuitions	114.00
Mrs. Charlotte M. Conroy, teaching	60.00
A. F. Burt Co., supplies, transportation and labor	131.89
American Book Co., textbooks	14.09
Little, Brown Co., textbooks	3.21
Ginn & Co., textbooks	1.81
Mrs. Lotta J. Schulmaier, teaching	56.00
Amanda Sutherland, teaching	40.00
Mrs. Claudine Cross, teaching	28.00
O. L. Durgin, labor and supplies	3.24
Fred Clausen, transporting	24.00
James Fadden, Supt. Knowlton's salary	100.00
Tilton Seminary, tuitions	38.00
Geo. Adams, enumeration	12.50
Mrs. Edith Merrill, salary and money paid out for labor, supplies etc.	15.83
Lotta J. Schulmaier, teaching	56.00
Rene Levasseur, janitor	2.50
Mrs. Charles Elliott, boarding teachers and transporting pupils	48.00
Harry Uhlman transporting teacher, and 1 broom	5.70
Mrs. Charlotte Conroy, teaching	60.00
Gertrude Johnson, teaching	90.00
Amanda Sutherland, teaching	50.00
State treasurer, tax assessed on pupils	252.00
Leon N. Brown, labor and transportation painter's outfit	8.50
Lincoln school district, tuition	38.00
Plymouth school district, tuition	110.00
Rene Levasseur, janitor work	4.00
Mrs. Charlotte Conroy, teaching	105.00
Mrs. H. R. Downing, boarding teacher	75.00
Mrs. Charlotte Conroy, janitor work	8.75
Walter Elliott, transportation and boarding teacher	86.00
Gertrude Johnson, teaching	45.00

Amanda Sutherland, teaching	40.00
Frank Haynes, transporting pupils	30.00
Bert Avery, transporting pupils	42.00
Claudine Cross, teaching	112.00
L. R. Morrison, supplies	3.70
J. H. Fadden, window glass	3.36
Macmillan Co., textbooks	5.39
Little, Brown Co., textbooks	4.95
The A. S. Barnes Co., textbooks	1.90
Milton Bradley Co., school supplies	14.06
Rene Levasseur, janitor work	4.00
Edward Babb Co., spelling books, pencil sharpener	2.52
J. L. Hammett Co., supplies	5.14
Ginn & Co., textbooks	34.76
American Book Co., textbooks	10.87
J. H. Fadden, district treasurer, Thornton's proportion of expense office furniture of Supt. Knowlton	23.12
The Record Print, requisition blanks	.62
Gertrude Johnson, teaching and janitor work	45.00
Claudine Cross, teaching and water pail	64.55
Mrs. Charlotte Conroy, teaching and janitor work	47.25
James H. Fadden, tuition for scholars going to Woodstock	146.00
Alonzo J. Knowlton, tuition for scholars going to Lincoln	42.33
Walter M. Flint, counsel	25.00
Yawman & Erbe Meg. Co., supplies	3.95
Lysle R. Morrison, tuition, Campton schools	8.00
Geo. L. Plimpton, tuition, Tilton Seminary	36.00
Lester W. Bradley, transporting scholars	100.00
Franklin Haynes, transporting scholars	28.00
Bert Avery, transporting scholars	24.00
Rennie Levasseur, janitor services	4.00
Harry E. Uhlman, janitor services	14.50
H. R. Downing, teacher board, fuel and repairs	27.00
E. A. Lynde, fuel	22.00
Boston Paper Board Co., Inc., supplies	8.00
Alonzo J. Knowlton, expense of administration	6.27
World Book Co., textbooks	1.43
Benj. H. Sanborn Co., textbooks	3.33

American Book Company, textbooks	24.72
Ginn & Co., textbooks	13.65
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Total	4,170.78

Thornton, January 31, 1920.

Having examined the accounts of School and School Treasurer, I find them correctly cast and properly vouched for the year ending Jan. 31, 1920.

W. P. VanHOUSEN.

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

1919

Cash on hand Jan. 31, 1919	\$ 2.24
Received of selectmen	4,707.26
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Paid on orders	4,170.78
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Cash on hand Jan. 31, 1920	\$538.72

W .B. EMMONS, Treasurer.

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